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practically without any trace of accent, and could easily be mistaken for German nationals by anyone not informed of their Soviet Army status. There was no contact between this office and other German sections of the Ministry, since billings for Soviet Army use of railway equipment had been suspended a few months before. The members of this office appeared to have no direct liaison function, but they communicated only through the office of Minister of Railway Affairs Roman [REDACTED]. There was some indication, not clearly defined, that these Soviet officers had some connection with that section of the Ministry of the Interior which concerned itself with railroad affairs and security. The Soviet officers of the WOSO office had rolling stock available for their use, which they employed in making inspection trips along the main Reichsbahn lines to Frankfurt/Oder, Magdeburg, and a few other long-line roads, but they did not appear to be interested in secondary rail lines.

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5. [REDACTED]
6. In Ueckermuende, where there was a large institution for the treatment of mental defectives, an order was issued requiring the evacuation of these buildings by the patients and hospital staff, on the grounds that they were required for use by mid-September by the KVP. This coincidence of dates may have been connected with the recruitment program for the Transport Police.
7. Another measure to increase the security of the Reichsbahn by infiltration of SSD informants was initiated in the larger Reichsbahn offices and stations, when barber-shops operated by the Reichsbahn were opened at these installations. The barbers were all SSD employees, who were to serve as informants, reporting unguarded utterances made by Reichsbahn personnel during their visits to the shops. It is believed that the main idea behind this move was that a man in a barber's chair is an easy victim of careless conversation, particularly when the conversations are initiated by a talkative tonsorial artist, whose mission it is to provoke the unsuspecting customer into a discussion of his personal views on topics of the times. There has been no indication of the success or failure of this move on the part of the SSD.

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